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SUBJ: GROUP "TARIFFS"

GATT SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED AS GATT/AIR/1253, DATED
7 JAN 1976, THE FOLLOWING GATT AIRGRAM CONCERNING THE
NEXT TARIFFS GROUP MEETING.

1. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DELEGATIONS MORE TIME FOR THE
PREPARATION TO DETAILED POSITIONS ON THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF
THE TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN, THE CHAIRMAN, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS
WITH DELEGATIONS, PROPOSES THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
GROUP "TARIFFS" TO BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M., 23 MARCH 1976,
INSTEAD OF THE WEEK OF 9 FEB 1976 AS PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE GOVERNING BODY
ROOM OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION BUILDING.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED AT ITS LAST MEETING THE GROUP
AGREED AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING TO REVERT TO THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS:

(A) THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF-CUTTING FORMULA OR
FORMULAE (MTN/TAR/4, PARA 2);

B) THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS

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BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/TAR/4, PARA 3,4 AND5)

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C) THE QUESTION OF BASE RATES/BASE DATES (MTN/TAR/4, PARA 7);

D) THE SUGGESTION THAT ASSESSMENT OF RECIPROCITY IN THE
TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
WHETHER DUTIES WERE APPLIED ON C.I.F. OR F.O.B. BASIS AND
THAT APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT OF DEPTH OF CUTS SHOULD BE
MADE (MTN/TAR/4, PARAGRAPH 8);

E) QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LINK BETWEEN NEGOTIATIONS
ON TARIFFS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON PARTICULAR NON-
TARIFF MEASURES BEING DISCUSSED IN GROUP "NON-TARIFF
MEASURES" (MTN/TAR/4, PARA 11).

3. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE ITEMS ON THE "CHECKLIST
OF POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN"
(MTN/TAR/W/4/REV.1) WOULD REMAIN ON THE AGENDA.

4. A SECRETARIAT NOTE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CALCULATING
THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION RATES APPLICABLE IN DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES' MARKETS, TO PRODUCTS ON WHICH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES EITHER HAVE AT PRESENT OR SEEM LIKELY TO
DEVELOP PROCESSING FACILITIES, WILL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR
TO THE MEETING.

5. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS ASSUMED
MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. SUCH
MEMBERS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO INFORM ME AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO
WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE GROUP.

6. REPRESENTATIVES NOT YET HAVING REGISTERED FOR THE
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO
REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, IN THE VILLE
LE BOGAGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE
NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.". CULBERT

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